

## MINUTES

### Sanbornton Conservation Commission

**Meeting Date and Time:** Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 PM

**Meeting Place:** Town Offices, 573 Sanborn Road, Sanbornton, N.H.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brad Crosby at 7:00 PM

Present: Chair Brad Crosby, Dick Ayers, Karen Bordeau, Mary Ahlgren, Sarah Fox

#### Minutes

Chair Crosby made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/11. Dick Ayers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Old Business

**a. Town Forester Contract** – Chair Crosby got in touch with Selectman Katy North and explained the reason for the older date on the Town Forester Contract; the contract had been in the works for a couple years. He will check and see if this has now been signed by the Selectmen. He also asked her about any files she may still have that belong to the Conservation Commission; these are now in the file cabinets in the meeting room. Karen and Mary will start working on organizing the file cabinets as time allows.

**b. Land Acquisitions** – No update

**c. Trail update** – Chair Crosby will get quotes from area businesses on trailhead work and brush hogging for the Eastman Hill trails as discussed at last meeting; this work should be paid for from the Forest Maintenance Fund.

**d. Newsletter update** – Dick Ayers has been working on the next issue of the Conservation Commission Newsletter and Karen has provided an entry about young forest habitat.

#### Other Business

**a. Skyline Drive logging** - Chair Crosby looked at the recent cutting on Skyline Drive and did not see any issues with it. It appears the logging stops at a stone wall which is likely a property boundary. He just received a new timber cutting notice that shows another parcel near that area will be cut, 23 Skyline Drive.

**b. Moose Run property** – Chair Crosby talked with Planning Assistant Steve Laurin regarding this property and does not have any issues with having the Town put it up for auction, as it has been off the tax rolls for over ten years. Chair Crosby made a motion to recommend to the BOS that this property, Tax Map 3, Lot 25, be put up for auction. Mary Ahlgren seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Crosby noted that there may be some other Town-owned properties that could be looked at for auction if over ten years old; a list can either be compiled or may be in the file cabinets already. These properties would need to go on the warrant next year.

**c. Old Home Day Recap** – Dick Ayers explained that there were many visitors at the Conservation Commission booth at Old Home Day who were interested in seeing a map of Town Forests. He suggested having a large map available for the public that shows info as well as acreage of the parcels. Karen noted that there are GIS maps that can help with getting this information. Dick suggested also having a roll-up sign that can be used at the booth that includes the Commission's mission statement, and other members agreed this is a good idea. Dick will work on getting quotes for a sign from several businesses. He also noted that there was a resident

interested in maybe being an Alternate on the Conservation Commission; Mary will contact and invite to the next meeting.

**d. Conservation Plan** – The Planning Board has received and reviewed the Conservation Plan and doesn't have any issues with it, but may be looking at revising the whole Master Plan soon anyway. They did discuss maybe changing some of the formatting or language just so it fits with the rest of the Master Plan. They will discuss at their next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Audry Barriault